(d) the approximate project cost and the financing pattern;

(e) whether the project is being implemented all at one go or it is being phased out; and

(f) the time schedule for generating revenue from the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) 'Expressions of interest' have been invited from reputed consultancy firms/ organisations for developing Railway's business plan. A broadbased task force consisting of representatives of Ministry of Railways, Communications, Finance, Law, Justice and Company Affairs and Prime Minister's office has been assisting Railways in selecting consultant.

(b) The proposal for setting up of a professionally-managed corporation is under Government's consideration.

(c) and (d) Decisions regarding the nature and equity holding of the corporation, approximate project cost and the financing pattern would be taken on receipt of the business plan.

(e) The project will be implemented by the corporation in suitable phases in the light of business plan.

(f) Rs. 500 crore are expected to be generated by way of utilising right of way for laying of optical fibre cable during the current financial year.

**Mafia operators at coal loading points in Railways**

759. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is in the knowledge of the authorities concerned that Mafia operates at the coal loading points in collieries and get the wagons loaded as they desired;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government have not been able to get rid of the interference of Mafia for over decades past; if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government made a firm mind of doing away with this long standing nefarious practice possible with the connivance of Railway officials; and

(d) if so, what measures are being taken and how long will it take?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) No, Sir. There is no report of Mafia interference with the Railway Administration in loading of coal. Loading at colliery sidings is done under the supervision of the officials of the coal companies. There is no control of the Railways. On completion of loading, rakes are drawn out from sidings with appropriate documents.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

**Appointment of officers for providing help to the pilgrims**

760. PROF. RAM GOPAL YADAV:
SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether railway employees and officers of Haridwar who have been appointed for providing help, security and guidance to passengers, are harassing and misbehaving with the pilgrims reaching at Haridwar (U.P.) pilgrims centre;

(b) whether Railways have made any arrangement to monitor the behaviour of such officers and employees with pilgrims and to take immediate action at the spot; and

(c) if so, the details thereof; if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) to (c) Public Complaints-cum-Suggestion Books are available at all stations including Haridwar. During the last one year, one complaint has been received against a ticket checking staff for harassing a group of passengers travelling from Haridwar to Vadodara. The complaint was